

Absolute Rating      Excellent  
Improvement Rating    Excellent

Number of primary schools with students like ours: 3.  
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from excellent to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from good to excellent.

#### RATINGS OVER A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Excellent	Excellent
2002		
2003		
2004		

#### PERFORMANCE RATING CRITERIA

Student attendance rate	96%
Pupil – Teacher Ratio	17 to 1
Percent of parents attending conferences	94%
Days of professional development in early childhood devoted exclusively to knowledge and skills in working with children less than eight years old	2.3

#### Type of accreditation

(More than one may apply)

- ☐ Not pursuing accreditation
- ☐ Conducting a self-study
- ☒ State Department of Education
- ☒ Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- ☐ National Association for the Education of Young Children
- ☐ American Montessori Society

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Primary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,533	N/A	\$5,748	\$5,569
• Prime instructional time	91.4%	Down from 91.7%	89.8%	89.6%
• Student-teacher ratio	17.2 to 1	N/A	20.6 to 1	18.5 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=713)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	95.8%	Up from 95.7%	95.7%	95.7%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	96.2%	93.8%	95.4%	96.2%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	2.0%	Down from 3.3%	3.7%	5.9%
<b>TEACHERS (n=47)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.9 Days	Up from 5.0	7.2 Days	7.9 Days
• Attendance Rate	97.0%	Up from 96.0%	94.9%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	57.4%	Down from 59.5%	57.4%	40.9%
• Continuing contract teachers	78.7%	Up from 78.6%	78.7%	81.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.1%	Down from 2.4%	0.0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	89.2%	Down from 90.9%	88.3%	87.4%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,561	Up 5.8%	\$37,725	\$36,605

### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Primary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	66.9%	N/A	66.9%	66.3%
• Principal's years at the school	11.0	N/A	11.0	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	93.5%	N/A	91.2%	94.5%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	0.7%	Up from 0.5%	0.2%	0.5%
• Suspended or expelled	3	N/A	3	0
• With disabilities other than speech	2.2%	Up from 1.4%	2.6%	2.6%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Blaney Elementary School enjoyed a most successful year during 2000-2001. Our school population swelled to more than 720 pre-kindergarten to second grade students. Our school was named a winner of the South Carolina Healthy Schools' Award in all categories. We were also named as one of two Physical Education Schools of the Year. Both of these recognitions came as a result of the efforts of physical education teacher Margie Shelburg.

Our school also received ten teacher grants totaling more than \$20,000. Mrs. Becky Brown served as interim (part-time) assistant principal until January. Lisa Carter was named assistant principal at that time. We celebrated the selection of our Teacher of the Year nominee, Melita Cobb, as Kershaw County Teacher of the Year. She will compete in the state contest this year. Julie Smith was first runner-up for the Kershaw County Reading Teacher of the Year. Three teachers - Jennifer Ard, Velma Jackson, and Vickie Norton - presented at a state conference of early childhood teachers. Beth Blaskowitz and Vickie Norton presented at the state science convention. Governor Jim Hodges visited Blaney to accept parent compacts and to be entertained by our students. Our entire school participated in the Governor's Physical Fitness Walk along with many local and state dignitaries.

Our school's year-long theme, Many Amazing Places (MAP), culminated in May with a traditional May Pole Dance and a parade of state floats. Second grade students were bid farewell at a candlelight breakfast in their honor.

Student academic progress was exceptional. Blaney met or exceeded district goals in kindergarten readiness, first grade reading, language arts and mathematics, and second grade mathematics and reading in 2000. These and other accomplishments of Blaney Elementary persuasively support our motto: We care; we share; we dare to do great things for our children.

Rose S. Sheheen, Principal Blaney Elementary School June 12, 2001

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	93.5	N/A	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	97.8	N/A	
Satisfied with home-school relations	80.4	N/A	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.  
**Good** - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.  
**Average** - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.  
**Below Average** - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.  
**Unsatisfactory** - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Blaney Elementary  
1621 Smyrna Road  
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Grades PK-2 Primary School

Enrollment: 713 Students

#### Principal

Mrs. Rose S. Sheheen 803-438-3241

#### Superintendent

Dr. Ralph A. Cain 803-432-8416

#### Board Chair

Charles B. Baxley 803-438-4200

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001

School Grade:  
Excellent



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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